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**Tomm V. Aldridge, et al.**

Application No.: 10/038,160

Filed: January 2, 2002

For: **POWER AND CONTROL FOR  
POWER SUPPLY FANS**

Examiner: Deberadinis, Robert L.

Art Group: 2836

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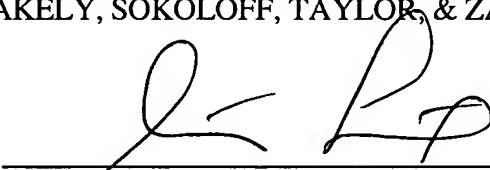
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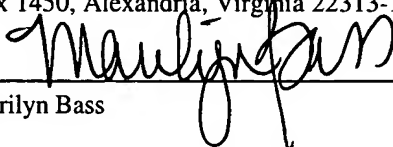
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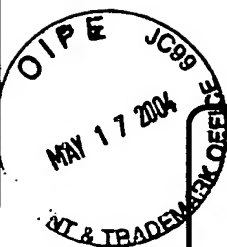
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		US-4,428,719	01-31-1984	Hayashibara, et al.	
		US-4,550,267	10-29-1985	Vaidya	
		US-5,008,561	04-16-1991	Madeley et al.	
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1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
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Total Claims  - 29 =  X  =   
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1804	920 *	1804	920 *	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840 *	1805	1,840 *	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
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1809	770	1809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
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1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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